



Friday 5 July 2013

2013 Asian Young Guns Challenge Series

New Zealand has been confirmed to host the 2013 Asian Racing Federation's 2013 Asian Young Guns Challenge Series. This international series for invited apprentice riders will be held at the Waikato Racing Club's Waikato Stud Foxbridge Plate feature meeting at Te Rapa on Saturday 17 August.

Eight visiting international riders representing Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Victoria/Australia, Malaysia, South Africa and Macau will be represented. New Zealand, as the host country, will select two local apprentices to also compete. The ten invited apprentice jockeys contesting the Asian Young Guns Challenge Series title will be balloted rides in each of the three designated races at Te Rapa from the top ten rated horses in each race. With a starting limit of 14 in each of the three scheduled races, a number of other New Zealand apprentices will be nominated by NZTR to take any additional available mounts where there are sufficient nominations, but they will not compete for points as part of the series.

To support the scheduling of the three international apprentice riders races NZTR is providing the following incentives to maximise the opportunity for all the invited riders to compete

- NZTR will pay the \$143.75 (GST inclusive) riding fee for all starters in the three race Young Guns Challenge Series
- NZTR will also pay an additional \$300.00 starter payment for all unplaced runners that do not earn prizemoney in the Series
- NZTR has waived nomination and acceptance fees for the R75 race and increased the prizemoney for the two R65 races from \$12,500 to \$15,000
- NZTR has also programmed an additional (9th) race at the Te Rapa meeting – which means the senior riders will still have 6 opportunities on the day.
- The three designated Young Guns Challenge Series races at Te Rapa will be the –
\$15,000 Benchmark R75 2100m Handicap
\$15,000 Benchmark R65 1600m Handicap
\$15,000 Benchmark R65 1400m Handicap

NZTR will announce at the end of July the names of the eight international visiting apprentice riders and the two New Zealand apprentices that will be invited to compete. The visiting riders will be accompanied by a chaperone and/or an interpreter and will be attending the Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards dinner during their five day stay here.

Final Reminder for the NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2013

A reminder to all filly owners it's not too late to enrol your yearling filly in the NZB Insurance Pearl Series as final entries will close on July 31.

"Early bird" entries closed on March 31 and 545 fillies were enrolled before that date and final entries are now being accepted at a nomination fee of \$920 (including GST).

That seems a small price to pay to enable your filly to race for \$2.6million in bonuses over three seasons commencing at the start of the 2013-14 racing season.

According to the NZTBA head office which administers the scheme, the interest in the NZB Insurance Pearl Series has been constant since it was launched in January.

“We are really pleased with the response that we have had from our members, breeders, owners and trainers. They can all see the benefit of racing for what is in some cases literally double the stake money, and they have been quick to come on board.

“With sponsorship from New Zealand Bloodstock Insurance and the programming by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing we have developed the series to help encourage owners to race their fillies, and the fact that we have so many fillies enrolled tells us we are on the right track. However we know that there are still a few more fillies out there that are eligible and it would be a shame if they missed out enrolling them before July 31,” said CEO of the NZTBA Michael Martin.

The NZB Insurance Pearl Series is open to all fillies foaled in 2011 in the Southern Hemisphere and not just those that have been through the national yearling sale series. In their two-year-old season they will be eligible for 15 bonus races available with an added bonus of \$8,000. As three and four-year-olds there will be bonuses on 180 midweek races (90 races as three year olds and 90 races as four year olds) and 20 Saturday races programmed especially for fillies and mares (10 for three year olds and 10 for four year olds).

NZB Insurance Pearl fillies will be eligible for an \$8,000 bonus in their two-year-old season, from which their trainers receive \$700 and their nominator \$300. In addition in their three and four-year-old season the bonus will increase to \$11,500, including \$1,000 for their trainers and \$500 for the nominator, on 90 mid-week races. The 10 nominated Saturday races in the 2014-15 season will carry a \$20,000 bonus, (including \$2,000 for the trainer and \$1,000 for the nominator) furthermore if the filly is insured with NZB Insurance from enrolment, and she wins the Group One New Zealand 1000 Guineas that year, she will pick up a \$100,000 bonus on top of the stake-money.

Full Information and Enrolment forms are available at www.nzthoroughbred.co.nz or Telephone the Pearl Hotline 0508 222 202.

Enrolments can be made online, or mailed to NZTBA, Private Bag 99908, Newmarket, Auckland, 1149.

Stallion Career Beckons For Retired Super Easy

Multiple Singapore Group One winner Super Easy has been retired following his impressive victory in the Patron’s Bowl on Sunday.

“He’s suffered an injury to his near foreleg and while he could have come back, his trainer Michael Freedman discussed the situation with his owners and they all feel it’s a fitting way to end a great career,” said Cambridge bloodstock agent Michael Wallace, who is now looking to place the four-year-old at stud. “We feel he’s got plenty to offer as a stallion so we’re currently canvassing options.”

Purchased at the New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Sale and raced by the Joy N Happiness Stable, Super Easy began his juvenile career in New Zealand with a track record-breaking win over 1000 metres on debut at Trentham where he beat subsequent Group One winner and NZ Filly of the Year Planet Rock in 56.20. He was then runner-up in the Gr.3 Eclipse Stakes and fourth in the Restricted Listed Karaka Million.

Super Easy subsequently travelled to Singapore where he was successful in 12 consecutive races, seven at stakes level including the Singapore Triple Crown.

Super Easy has retired as the winner of 15 of his 23 starts from 1000-1600 metres and was the champion three-year-old and Horse of the Year in 2012. His earnings topped NZ\$2.1 million.

By Danehill’s successful sire son Darci Brahma, Super Easy is out of Parfore, who has produced eight foals to race all winners including Australian stakes winners Tiger Tees and Our Lukas. It is the family of champion New Zealand juvenile Il Quello Veloce and Mosse.

Waikato Stud Opunake Cup Day – Punter’s Challenge

Saturday 20 July - Pukekura Raceway, New Plymouth

1st Prize \$3,000; 2nd Prize \$1,000; 3rd Prize \$ 500

Entry Fee \$600 Punting Money
Maximum 2 people per team
Additional Syndicate Member \$60 per head
No Registration Fee (refreshments and lunch provided)
Must be registered by 2 pm

Rules

You must invest a minimum of \$600 on the day. No minimum per race;
Betting Only on Taranaki Thoroughbred Racing race meeting.

Entries to:

Noel Stanley 06 761 8879 027 222 5643

Complimentary drinks Friday night.

Wanganui JC – Thursday 11 July – Additional Race Programmed

Following consultation between NZTR, the Central Region Programming Committee & Wanganui JC, there has been an additional race added to the programme at the Wanganui JC race meeting on Thursday 11 July 2013. It is:

Maiden 1600m SW \$7,000.

Manawatu RC – Thursday 25 July – Race Conditions Change

Following consultation between NZTR, the Central Region Programming Committee & Manawatu RC, there has been a change to one of the programmed races at the Manawatu RC race meeting on Thursday 25 July 2013. It is:

Was originally a Benchmark Rating 65 Hcp for Amateur Riders only (\$7K) but has become **Benchmark Rating 65 & Jumpers Handicap for Amateur Riders Only (\$7,000)**

Turnover Information for the Period ending 30 June 2013

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races	
		12-13	11-12	12-13	11-12	12-13	11-12	12-13	11-12
24-Jun	Rotorua	31,172	30,126	438,870	468,510	127,590	106,040	7	7
26-Jun	Whakatane	38,573	48,495	547,705	627,598	166,281	123,978	8	8
27-Jun	Stratford	46,932	-	666,157	-	177,242	-	10	-
28-Jun	Waimate	31,197	31,320	617,511	535,105	146,071	148,608	10	8
29-Jun	Hawke's Bay	113,804	98,216	1,104,223	1,031,278	255,332	213,326	10	9
29-Jun	Whangarei	87,872	91,453	1,319,698	1,464,323	335,060	327,997	10	9

(1) Stratford RC; last year this was a Wairarapa RC meeting at which there were 8 races.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/()	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	331	327	+4	1.22%
Races	2,783	2,870	(87)	(3.03%)
Starters	28,999	30,369	(1,370)	(4.51%)
Avg Field Size	10.42	10.58	(0.16)	(1.53%)
Number of races less than 8 starters	391	469	(78)	(16.63%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	365,991,855	358,264,079	+7,727,776	2.16%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	35,315,565	37,725,961	(2,410,396)	(6.39%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	401,307,420	395,990,040	+5,317,380	1.34%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	317,195,209	332,386,781	(15,191,571)	(4.57%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	84,112,211	63,603,260	+20,508,951	32.25%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	144,200	137,976	+6,224	4.51%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,839	13,039	+799	6.13%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,367,622,092	1,269,040,120	+98,581,972	7.77%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	228,407,923	225,214,965	+3,192,958	1.42%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,596,030,015	1,494,255,085	+101,774,930	6.81%

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover (to 23 Jun)	336,991,434	331,899,091	+5,092,342	+1.53%
Total Races (to 23 Jun)	2,728	2,821	(93)	(3.30%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover per race	123,531	117,653	+5,878	+5.00%

Note: Meetings, races, starters and turnovers are totals of NZRB supplied meeting by meeting turnovers. Off-course turnover is totalisator and FOB combined. On-course turnover is totalisator and FOB racing combined, placed on-course at NZ thoroughbred meetings. Total NZRB racing turnover is NZ thoroughbred, harness, greyhound and all imported racing turnover; total NZRB turnover also includes sport. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are now included, up to the most recently available meetings. All turnover figures are supplied by the NZRB, derived from various sources.

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